

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

This is a miscarriage of justice. I called channel 22 and 45 in Dayton and they said Mark Hyman of Sinclair was forcing them to air this film. You can't let this zealot steal this election? If he shows an anti-Kerry film then it is only fair that he give equal time to a pro-Kerry film. Mark Hyman is a disgrace to fair broadcasters and to Americans. He should be ashamed of himself. The FCC has the power to stop this breach of justice. Please, exercise it.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.